



## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Telecommunications and Information Administration

#### NTIA IIJA Broadband Grant Program Webinars

**AGENCY:** National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) will host a pre-Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) technical assistance webinar series in March-May 2022 in connection with the five new broadband grant programs authorized and funded by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA): the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program; the Enabling Middle Mile Broadband Infrastructure Program; and the Digital Equity Act Programs, which include the State Digital Equity Planning Grant Program, State Digital Equity Capacity Grant Program, and Digital Equity Competitive Grant Program. These pre-NOFO technical assistance webinars are designed to help prospective applicants understand NTIA's IIJA broadband grant programs and to assist applicants to prepare high quality grant applications.

**DATES:** NTIA will hold these webinars based on the following schedule:

1. IIJA Broadband Programs Pre-NOFO Technical Assistance Webinar #1: Wednesday, March 9, 2022, from 2:30-4:00 p.m. Eastern Time (ET);
2. IIJA Broadband Programs Pre-NOFO Technical Assistance Webinar #2: Wednesday, March 23, 2022, from 2:30-4:00 p.m. ET;
3. IIJA Broadband Programs Pre-NOFO Technical Assistance Webinar #3: Wednesday, April 6, 2022, from 2:30-4:00 p.m. ET;
4. IIJA Broadband Programs Pre-NOFO Technical Assistance Webinar #4: Wednesday, April 27, 2022, from 2:30-4:00 p.m. ET; and

5. IIA Broadband Programs Pre-NOFO Technical Assistance Webinar #5: Wednesday,

May 11, 2022, from 2:30-4:00 p.m. ET.

**ADDRESSES:** These webinars will be hosted via NTIA's virtual platform and conducted as a live webinars. NTIA will post the registration information on its BroadbandUSA website at <https://broadbandusa.ntia.doc.gov/events/latest-events>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Maci Morin, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 4872, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-2048; email:

BroadbandForAll@ntia.gov. Please direct media inquiries to NTIA's Office of Public Affairs, (202) 482-7002; email [press@ntia.gov](mailto:press@ntia.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Public Law No. 117-58) authorized and funded five new broadband grant programs to be administered by NTIA: the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program; the Enabling Middle Mile Broadband Infrastructure Program; and the Digital Equity Act Programs, which include the State Digital Equity Planning Grant Program, State Digital Equity Capacity Grant Program, and Digital Equity Competitive Grant Program. The Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program is a \$42.45 billion formula-based program to states, territories, and the District of Columbia for qualifying broadband deployment, mapping, and adoption project. The Enabling Middle Mile Broadband Infrastructure Program is a competitive \$1 billion grant program for the construction, improvement or acquisition of middle-mile infrastructure. The Digital Equity Act Programs – which includes the State Digital Equity Planning Grant Program, State Digital Equity Capacity Grant Program, and the Digital Equity Competitive Grant Program – allocate \$2.75 billion to promote digital inclusion and equity for communities that lack the skills, technologies, and support needed to take advantage of broadband connections.

These webinars are subject to change. Session time changes will be posted on the BroadbandUSA website at <https://broadbandusa.ntia.doc.gov/events/latest-events>. Any webinar

cancellations will also be posted on the same website. Any date change to a scheduled webinar will be provided in a notice in the *Federal Register*.

The presentation recording, and transcript of each webinar will be posted on the BroadbandUSA website at <https://broadbandusa.ntia.doc.gov/> and NTIA's YouTube channel at:

<https://www.youtube.com/ntiagov> within seven (7) days following the live session.

The public is invited to participate in these webinars. Pre-registration is required as space is limited to the first 1,000 participants. NTIA asks each registrant to provide their first and last name, city, state, zip code, job title, organization, and email address for registration purposes. Individuals requiring accommodations, such as sign language interpretation or other ancillary aids, are asked to notify the NTIA contact listed above at least ten (10) business days before the session. General questions and comments are welcome via email to [BroadbandForAll@ntia.gov](mailto:BroadbandForAll@ntia.gov).

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